



**47th Anniversary Conference of the International Indian Treaty
Council**
March 1 - 3, 2022
Panajachel, Sololá, Guatemala

**CONFERENCE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MANDATE OF THE
UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES, JOSE FRANCISCO CALI TZAY**

We, the delegates representing 61 Indigenous Peoples and Nations of North, Central, and South America, the Arctic, and the Caribbean, having participated in the 47th International Conference of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), held on the sacred lake known as “Lake Atitlán” in Panajachel, Sololá, Guatemala, do hereby approve, by consensus, the resolution to endorse and support the excellent work and devotion of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with regard to the term in office granted him by the UN Human Rights Council.

- 1) We recognize the arduous work that has been done, as well as the excellent results obtained, by the Special Rapporteur on behalf of the Indigenous Peoples of the world.
- 2) We appreciate his communication, handling of urgent cases, academic visits, and working alongside authorities, leaders, and other representatives of Indigenous Peoples, in addition to the lobbying and negotiations he conducted with those governments that required such work, his expressions of concern regarding cases of major violations of our rights, and his constant oversight to ensure the fulfillment of the commitments contained in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other instruments of international law.
- 3) We applaud the new communication system developed by the Special Rapporteur in carrying out ongoing consultations, both in person and virtually, with the Indigenous Peoples of different regions of the world, as well as with other actors related to the Rights of said Peoples, which has resulted in the active and decisive participation of Indigenous Peoples themselves in the presentation of topical reports, which have been developed and presented before the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his first term.
- 4) We would like to point out the ongoing and supportive attention that the Special Rapporteur has given to Indigenous Peoples, at the most urgent and necessary moments, in order to protect the individual and collective lives of the Indigenous Peoples of the world who, in the case of most States, were excluded and abandoned by the erratic policies implemented by governments in response to the



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COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our Indigenous Peoples have felt supported by the Special Rapporteur's communication and research involved in producing the report titled, "Indigenous Peoples and Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Recovery," Doc. A/HRC/48/54, dated August 6, 2021, which made it possible to describe the difficult situations at hand; likewise, he allowed us to value our scientific knowledge and our health systems, which prevented a catastrophe for the lives of Indigenous Peoples through their application to the coronavirus. Likewise, he presented the report on the rights of Indigenous Peoples in urban areas, Doc. A/76/202, dated July 21, 2021.

For the year 2022, the Special Rapporteur has announced that two important reports will be presented: one of them is titled "Indigenous Women and the Development, Application, Preservation, and Transmission of Scientific Knowledge"; the second one is titled "Protected Areas and Indigenous Peoples' Rights: the Obligations of States and International Organizations." In this context, a virtual and in-person consultation will be held on April 19, 2022 in Tucson, Arizona with Indigenous leaders and authorities with worldwide representation regarding the topic of Protected Areas.

- 5) For all of the reasons expressed above, we, the Indigenous Peoples' delegates participating in the 47th International Conference of the International Indian Treaty Council, held in the Sacred Location of Lake Atitlán, Panajachel, Sololá, Guatemala, do hereby support, by consensus, the request for the reelection of Mr. José Francisco Cali Tzay to a new term in office as UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and we encourage the UN Human Rights Council to make this a reality.
- 6) We would also like to express our gratitude and recognize the work carried out by all of the UN Special Rapporteurs and organs who have shown their concern for the defense and promotion of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in general. The IITC will continue to support and work alongside them in their efforts.
- 7) We, the representatives of the Indigenous Peoples of the world who have participated in this 47th International Conference, will continue to fight for our individual and collective rights, so that international legal instruments such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be fulfilled as a minimum standard, and so that their contents will not be undermined by either governments or non-governmental actors.

***Approved by consensus in Paxil Kayala, Ixim Ulew (Panajachel Sololá),
Guatemala, on March 3, 2022***